Small Events that Have Illumined the Social Calendar.

Miss Hellman Gives a Pretty Dancing Party-An Omaha Girl as the Stellar Attraction at Boyd's-Doings of the Week.

Another week and the sackcloth will be laid aside for the brighter hues of Eastertide. Already the younger society set are planning for several small functions to follow shortly after Easter, although the prospects for a gay season after next Sunday are by no means bright. Society enters Holy week with contrite hearts, the little events events which have occurred during the Lenten rest being of such an innocent character that consciences have not been unduly wrenched in consequence.

Socially, the event this week will be the debut of Miss Mabel Eaton as a stellar attraction at the Boyd Mabel Eaton is essentially an Omaha girl, having been born and educated here, her early school training being acquired in the High school. Although of late years her dramatic work has called her away from Omaha, she has not, like many actresses, forgotten the place of her birth and she comes back now with the endorse ment not only of New York, but of the leading cities of the country, as one of the coming lights of the stage. Here are her and the prospects are exceedingly bright for a welcome commensurate with the distinguished position she has attained through hard work in fitting herself for the ranks of the players.

Thurston Riffes.

A large audience was present at the regular weekly drill of the company, which was held on Monday evening at the armory, 1510 Harney street. First call by Sergeant C. H. Goodenough sounded at 8:05 and assembly at 8:15 o'clock. The men fell in promptly and were inspected by the second sergeant. Attendance, 97 per cent. The new rifles, which had all been cleaned and polished by an ex-sergeant of the Ninth United States cavalry, were assigned to the men in order of their rank, beginning with the first sergeant, and so on to the corporals.

The privates had their pieces assigned alphabetically. The drill was very satisfactory throughout, the bayonets remaining fixed during the entire manual and foot move-

At a special meeting held after drill, Captain Arthur H. Schorff in the chair and sixty-one members present, the following gentlemen were unanimously elected honorary members of the Thurston Rifles: George Lorenzo Crounze, Adjutant General J. D. Gage, Senator C. F. Manderson, Birgadjer General John R. Brooke, U. S. A.; Birgadier General John R. Brooke, U. S. A.; Colonel John C. Bates, commanding Second United States infantry; Colonel John P. Bratt, commanding First infantry Nebraska National guards; Captain John C. Ayers, National guards; Captain John C. Ayers, U. S. A., chief ordinance office, Department of the Platte: Edward Rosewater, J. C. Cowin, General C. H. Frederick, J. L. Webster, Captain Frank E. Moores, Major T. S. Ciarkson, W. E. Coburn, Hon. D. H. Mercer, G. G. Irey, E. Olsen, Hon. George P. Bemis, mayor; S. D. Mercer, Major Paddock, William Bechel, George Munro. Private Herbert B. Taylor has been appointed acting quartermaster sergeant dur-

pointed acting quartermaster sergeant dur-ing the absence on furlough of Quartermaster Sergeant Wallace C. Taylor. At a meeting of ladies held in the company quarters Monday afternoon it was decided to give an April party during the first part of the month and serve ice cream and cake

during the evening, the proceeds to be ap-plied toward the purchase of the silk flag to be presented to the company. Mrs. Forby has established headquarters at 1406 Doug-las street, where all information can be ob-Private Frank. F. Adair has been granted

a furlough for thirty days, to take effect from March 14, for the purpose of visiting his home in Dakota City. Quartermaster Sergeant Wallace C. Taylor

ites from Cheyenne that his party is traveling about 200 miles north of Casper, Wyo., by wagon and that there is abundance of game which he wishes could be shipped to the Rifles for their enjoyment.

A letter from Mr. H. H. Kirby, now in California, states that he has entered college and is drilling again in the school battalion. The following applications for membership have been received and referred to the rehave been received and reterred to the recruiting committee: Messrs. Austin, Perry, Byrne, Eccleston and Dr. Teter. The company is growing very steadily and the ranks are being rapidly filled by earnest men who intend to make the company one of the largest and best disciplined organizations in the state. The standard of membership is high, the members composing the company being recruited from among the very best citizens It is the intention to have 108 officers and men on the roll before the 1st of

Captain Scharff has returned from a business trip in the western part of the state.

At the last meeting of the Thurston Rifles
Rev. S. Wright Butler was unanimously

High Five Mr. and Mrs. W. H. McCreary of 2810 South Nineteenth street gave a high five party for some of their friends and neighbors in honor of their niece, Mrs. J. M. Foster of Chicago, last Monday evening. Among those present were: Mr. and Mrs. Charles Coffman, Mr. and Mrs. John J. Murphy, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Chittenden, Mr. and Mrs. John Cleary, Mr. and Mrs. James Horn, Mr. John Cleary, Mr. and Mrs. Junes 1998. A. Salem, Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Sidwell, Mr. and Mrs. A. Salem, Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Sidwell, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. McCreary, Mrs. James Foley, Mrs. D. S. Parkhurst, Mrs. Elizabeth Miller of Chicago, Mrs. J. M. Foster of Chicago, Mrs. Lizzie Thompson of Friend, Neb.; Miss. Bella. Valma Dada of Friend, Neb.; Miss Belle Shields, Miss Josephine Benn, Miss Claude Poster, Miss Etta Thompson, Mr. Hugh Hitchcock, Mr. Hila Chittenden, Mr. Charles Chittenden and Mr. Will Shields. ladies' first prize was won by Miss Josephine Benn, the gentlemen's by Mr. Hugh Hitchcock. The ladies' consolation prize was cap-tured by Mrs. Lizzie Thompson of Friend, Neb., and the gentlemen's by Charles Chit-After the games were over a dainty lunch

Young Women's Christian Association

The Young Women's Christian association held its regular monthly meeting Monday, at which forty-one new members were admitted. The total membership is now nearly 400 and the various lines of work are being actively prosecuted. The physical culture class, under the

direction if Miss Harper, now meets or Tuesday evenings, Misses Bradley and De Cou on Friday evenings, as usual. The association is much in need of more lunch cloths. Any one wishing to make

a donation of this character or anything else which will add to the comfort and adornment of the rooms, will confer a great favor by leaving word at the rooms.

Thursday 118 registered at the noonday

rest, the highest daily record.

Next Monday night the entertainment will consist of a musicale, at which the following program will be rendered:Miss Dalsy HigginsMiss Nina Marsaul!

......Mr. Pennell ...Miss Jentri Yates

Change in Location. The Omaha Academy of Fine Arts has

just secured a new location at 1313 Howard street, being the entire second floor of the Natatorium building. The rooms on the third floor of the old Bell store building were found inconvenient and the change was made last week. Mr. J. Laurie Wallace the director, is much pleased with the light and airy studio, and his class have taken. hold of their work with fresh interest. school is very fortunate in its models and just at present the students are deeply interested in their work on a portrait of a beautiful young woman who is posing in a broad hat with plumes and a fur cape, which opens in front, disclosing a ball tollette and exquisite corsage. The results

so far are very satisfactory. Among those who are making particular efforts on this piece of work are: Mrs J. J. Monell, Miss Uhl, Mrs. Thomas Orr, Mrs. Willis, Miss Brown, Mrs. Clement Chase, Miss Ruth and Mrs. J. M. Metcail. There are a number of other students engaged in drawing from

Royal Arcanum Party. Monday evening Union Pacific council of CARD PARTIES CONTINUE IN FAVOR the Royal Arcanum gave an exceedingly

pleasant card party in its rooms in The Bee building. Mrs. Dr. Milroy won the tadies' prize, Mr. F. J. Sackett carrying off the honors among the gentlemen. The guests present were: Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Sackett, Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Hopkins, Mrs. A. H. Ward, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Preston, Mr. and Mrs. R. E. McKelvy, Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Howell, Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Weaver, Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Dinning, Mr. R. W. Dyball, Mrs. Dyball, Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Smith, Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Salisbury, Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Kidder, Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Fowler, Mr. and Mrs. W. Shropshire, Mr. G. B. Dyball, Mrs. Dyball, Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Smith, Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Pot-ter, Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Milroy, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. E. Duval, Mr. H. A. Sander, Miss Zimmerman, Mr. and Mrs. P. A. English, Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Keys, Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Gedney, Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Gregory, Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Sutphen, Mr. and Mrs. A. P. O'Connor, Mr. and Mrs. J.

At the residence of his mother, 2705 Davenport, on Friday evening, Mr. C. F. Butler entertained the members and friends of the supreme lodge of the United Knights

of America. The evening was spent in playing high five. Miss Ethel Sievers winning the ladies' first prize and Mr. Ray C. Wagner the gentlemen's first prize. Miss Ammist and Mr. Smith won the booby prizes. During the evening Mr. C. F. Butler favored his guests with a recitation. Among those present were: Misses Pearl McCumber, Ammist, Edith Van Buren, Eleanor Wright, Ina M. Kennedy, Maude Buchanan, Ethel Stevers, Minnie Millan, Anna Barton, Walters, Mae Kimball, Mrs. O. P. Black; Messrs, Will Davidson, Fred Van Horn, Tom Coleman, Dr. Blackwell, Smith, A. B. Stokes, H. C. Hansen, J. F. Buchanan, Charles Dutton, Ray C. Wagner, C. T. Butler, Ed Marnell, O. P. Black, John Rumel, Frank Freeman.

Pretty Dancing Party. Thursday evening Miss Selma Hellman and Miss Edna Wise gave a very jolly dancing party at the residence of the former on St. Mary's avenue, the house being very tastefully decorated for the occasion. The lower floor was canvased and the young people enjoyed the dancing greatly. The young hostesses were assisted in receiving and making the guests comfortable by Mrs. Rau, Mr. and Mrs. Morand, Mrs. Heller, Mrs. Oberfelder. The music was all that could be desired and the refreshments quite up to the standard of this hospitable home.

Among the guests were: Misses Hake, Among the guests were: Misses Hake, Cora Becker, Shiverick, Belle Adler, Belle Goldsmith, Bertha and Ida New, Jessie Lob-man, Elma Lobman, Minnie Lobman, Reed, Ring and Foley; Mesars, Hake, Becker, Hunter, A. Rosenthal, Newcomb, H. Baum, Murphy, A. Newman, J. Newman, D. Degan,

Max Goldsmith, M. Miller, Eugene Levy. Unity Club.

"Socialism" was the subject for discussion by the economic section of the Unity club Friday evening. Mr. Lovengier opened the meeting with a short review, comparing the classical and historical schools. The first paper, "General Sketch of the Movement," was read by Mr. W. S. Curtis. Mr. Gould read an interesting paper on "Particular Forms of Socialism." "Its Present Status" was the subject of a well written paper by Mr. Burchard.

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The next meeting of this section, April 6, will be the last of the season. The topic will be "Contemporary Economies." "The Present Condition of Economic Thought" will be treated by Prof. Lewis; "The Austrian School," by Dr. Victor Rosewater, and "Is There a Schence of Political Economy?" "Is There a Science of Political Economy?"

Little Tots' Birthday Party.

Saturday afternoon George and Maurice Birch entertained a number of little friends at 1726 South Eleventh street. Among the ents indulged in was drawing a five-pointed star for a prize. The first prizes were won by Eva Zirfoss and Frankie Messmer, the booby prizes being awarded to Charlotte Zirfoss and Stacy Floyd, after which a delicious lunch was served. present were: Nealie Butler, Dollie Kaufman, Eva Zirfoss, Bertha Dol-lenger, Edith Cooper, Aggle Kalina, Lillie Charlotte Zirfoss, Elmer Stoft, Lloyd, Joe Adams, Fred Messmer,

Miss Belle Hale left for Los Angeles

Frank Koester, Arthur Stoft, Frank Mess-

mer, George and Maurice Birch.

Friday. Mrs. Hoagland is entertaining her niece, Miss Vineyard of St. Joe. Mrs. Edgar Morsman left Friday for Chi-

cago, to be gone several days. Mrs. J. M. Foster of Chicago returned home Tuesday after a short visit here. Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Howell left on Wedneslay for a month's sojourn in California. Mr. Charles Kountze and Miss Kountze expect to spend Easter in New York city. Mrs. S. Edward Wherritt and her sister Miss Frances Standish, left for Sloux City

Mr. and Mrs. B. E. Jeniper entertained number of their friends Saturday evening at high five. Miss Nellie Bennett leaves for California

Monday, where she will visit her father, Mr. W. R. Bennett. Mrs. Casper E. Yost left Omaha on Wednesday for St. Paul, Minn., to be gone

week or ten days. Mrs. W. J. Dowling has returned from her trip to Florida, Mr. Dowling going to Kansas City to meet his wife. The Debutantes Cooking club met Thurs-

day at Miss Jentie Yates', where a tenourse breakfast was served. Mr. and Mrs. Guy C. Barton and Mrs. W. B. Millard returned home Thursday from Chicago, where they have been for the past

Mr. W. T. Taber leaves tomorrow evening next Saturday, hearing four performances of

Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Ball have been spending a few days with Mrs. J. L. DeBevoise on Thirty-second street, Mrs. DeBevoise being

sister of Mrs. Ball. Edith Lease gave a birthday party yesterday afternoon to a few of her young friends the residence of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Merrick Lease, 4108 Lafayette avenue. Chopin was the subject at the music club which met at Miss Millard's Wednesday afternoon, Miss Kountze reading an inter-esting paper on that very brilliant com-

Mr. Fred Schneider entertained on Thursday evening a number of his friends at his home on Binney street. High five was played and during the evening refreshments

vere served. Mr. and Mrs. Victor White left unexpect-edly yesterday morning for Sheridan, Wyo. As they will be gone about a week Mrs. White will not receive her friends as usual

n Wednesday next. Friday evening Mrs. Sarson gave a charming dinner for the new officers at Fort Omaha. Those present were Mrs. Tilton, Dr. and Mrs. Robinson, Dr. and Mrs. Clark, Mr. Penn, Mr. Bookmiller, Mr. Maxwell. Vesta chapter No. 6, Order Eastern Star, will give a social on Tuesday evening, March 20, at Masonic hall. An interesting program has been arranged and a pleasant time is anticipated. Members and friends are cordially invited.

The marriage of Miss Dalsy Clare Mans, daughter of Mr. John H. Mans, to Mr. L. R. Dennis, took place Wednesday evening at the Hanscom Park Methodist church. A reception followed the ceremony at the resilence of the bride's parents, 1301 South

Twenty-eighth street. Etta Thompson, 2056 South Twentieth street, entertained at high five Thursday evening, in honor of Miss Velma Dada of Friend, Neb. Mr. Hugh Hitchcock, Miss Eva Foley and Miss Bessle Dunham were the prize winners of the evening. The guests present were Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Clarey, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Dunham, Misses Velma Dada Friend, Bessle Dunham, Misses Velma Dada, Friend; Bessie Dunham, Eva

Foley, Miss Benn, Anna Gurske, Mrs. J. D. Thompson, Messrs, H. Hitchcock, Charles Chittenden, Dick Bradley.

The golden wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Experience Estabrook will occur on April 17, and Mr. and Mrs. Henry D. Estabrook and Mr. and Mrs. Hobert C. Clowry of Chicago will celebrate it by a large reception to be given at the residence of the former on that date.

Miss Josie Jaycox, assisted by Misses Miss Josie Jaycox, assisted by Misses
Jessie Carpenter, Florence Smith, Ora
Battreall, Cora Holmes, Louise Doud, Mae
Babcock, Hattie Smith and Mary Rowley,
entertained in honor of Mr. Z. Cuddington
at the residence of Miss Jaycox in South
Omaha on Monday evening.

The Cooking club met as usual on Thursday at Miss Kountze's. The table was prettily decorated in pansies and maiden hair ferns and at each place were menu cards of yellow satin ribbon with hand An eight-course luncheon was decorations. served and all the dainty dishes were most delicious,

Miss Mabel Hake entertained a number

of friends at lunch at her home, 1214 South Twenty-sixth street, Wednesday. The rooms were artistically beautified with smilax and yellow roses, and the guests were delightfully entertained. Those present were: Mrs. Dorsey, Mrs. Lawrence and Misses Holt, Conoway, Abbey, Townsend and Steele. Master George Vradenburg entertained a party of his young friends last Saturday evening in honor of Master Willie Hough,

who left for San Francisco with his mother

Friday. A very enjoyable evening was spent with music, games, etc., luncheon being served at 8. Those present were: Masters Carl Campbell, George Empey of Papillion, Willie Hough, Ed Bartlett and Roy Burr. A very pleasant surprise party was given Saturday evening in honor of Miss Julia Bressman at her home in Clifton Hill. There were present: Miss Blanche Hender, Miss Mamie Sage, Miss Susie Hitchcock, Miss Ethel Jones, Miss Bertie Collins. Mr. Will Foster, Mr. Roy Solomon, Mr. Walter Sheely, Mr. Herbert Foster, Mr. Hans Rasmussen, Mr. Gus Bressman, Mr. Henry

Ashmusen. Mrs. B. R. Pegram and Miss Davenport of Cohasset, Mass., are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Rogers. Mrs. Pegram comes on to attend the wedding of her son, Mr. G. H. Pegram, chief engineer of the Union Pacific, who marries Miss Guitar of Columbia, Mo., the last of this month. Miss Guitar is well known in Omaha, having been at one time the guest of the Misses Yates at Hillside. She is a niece of Mrs. Everett of Council Bluffs.

Mrs. John H. Butler, 1613 South Tenth street, entertained her friends very hand-somely Tuesday afternoon. High five was played until 4 o'clock, when an elegant lunch was served. Mrs. Kaufmann and Gertrude McEathron won handsome prizes. present were: Mrs. Lloyd, Mrs. Dennis, Mrs. Morse, Mrs. Kaufmann, Mrs. Johnson, Mrs. Birch, Mrs. Conte, Mrs. Wright, Mrs. Kimball, Mrs. Woodworth, Mrs. Weldon and Gertrude McEathron.

A beautiful pink luncheon was given on Thursday by Mrs. W. T. Allen. The table was elaborately trimmed in La France roses. and cut glass, while at each plate was a cluster of the lovely flowers. Ten courses were served and all enjoyed a most thoroughly good time. Those present were: Mrs. Colpetzer, Mrs. Dubois, Mrs. Wessells, Mrs. Boggs, Mrs. Moore, Mrs. Victor White, Mrs. Savage, Mrs. Pratt, Mrs. Winston, Mrs. Gilbert, Mrs. Bishop, Mrs. Weller, Mrs. Sargent, Mrs. Lacey, Mrs. Cleveland, Miss Beck-

A surprise party was given at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Boyd, 4220 Cass street, Thursday evening, Mrs. Boyd being presented with a set of Haverlind china after-dinner coffees. The evening was spent in playing cards, after which refreshments were served. Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. Fagen. Mr. and Mrs. Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Henlaugh, Mr. and Mrs. Raymer, Mr. and Mrs. Davies, Mr. and Mrs. Risley, Misses Kress, Cumings, Lawton, M. Lawton and Mrs. Mackey, Mr. Welsh, Mr. Martin, Mr. Eddy, Mr. Stevens and little Miss Henlaugh and Adaline Fagen.

her friends at her home, 2228 Spruce street, Tuesday evening. The evening was spent in an old-fashioned "taffy pull," in which all participated, and for a few hours Mrs. C. O. D. Brown's residence looked like a first class Boston candy kitchen. Among those present were: Miss Sylva Gammon of Ashland, Neb., Misses Lena Festner, Grace Carroll, Jennie Hunter, Carrie Krumme, Lena Mangum, Birdie Brown, Mrs. Ida Mc-Messrs. Charlie Hunter, Charlie Mangum, Charlie Ferguson, Claude Rodman Robert McCormick Maurice Eldridge, Mr and Mrs. B. E. Davis and Mr. and Mrs. Ed N. Brown The following young people enjoyed them-

selves in a dancing party at the Delione hotel Thursday evening: Miss Georgie S. Rich, Miss Nettie Rich, Miss Orcutt, Mrs. E. J. Roe, Miss Helen Fowler, Miss Bailey, Miss Wernher and Miss M. E. Evans of Detroit, Miss Carrie Althaus, Miss Sexauer, Miss Weir, Miss Collitt, Miss Livesey, Miss Anna Seaton, Miss Lena Seaton, Miss Flor-Anna Seaton, Miss Lena Seaton, Miss Flor-ence Weir, Miss Bertha Meyer, Miss Cora Weaver, Messrs. G. A. Matthews, J. F. Vichers, J. H. Graham, O. J. Bauman, L. V. Landergren, A. S. Green, Charles Youse, Ray E. Thomas, John S. Clark, A. C. Hart-Ray E. Thomas, John S. Clark, A. C. Hart-ley, N. L. Guckert, C. L. Coleman, F. G. Conrad, J. W. Hastings, Q. A. Knouse, Charles L. Boss, Frank Barrett, P. B. Meyers, Dr. W. J. Bradbury, Mr. and Mrs.

Miss Loie Pennell from Ohio is visiting Miss Carrie Midgley at her residence, 1924 Douglas street.

After Titles the Tears.

Chicago Record: The case of the unlucky Princess Colonna is another prophetic signal that American girls will have to deise some plan for marrying a title without

taking the man that goes with it. Chicago Tribune: Womanlike, she took her children and fled, and probably she is now considering whether the tawdy title is worth all that it has cost her and won-dering what new troubles there may be

in store for her. The story is full of warn-ings to American girls with money, but it will pass unheeded. Chicago Times; Her life is a hopeless wreck. For recompense she has the impaired millions and the paltry coronet and a name which he who gave it to her would take away if he could. If she remains in America she can still do service to her ountry as a horrible example to ambitious

heiresses and their ambitious mamas. St. Paul Globe: Women who sell themselves and their fortunes for an empty title eserve little of our sympathy, even though they may be compelled to drink the cup of itterness to the very dregs.
Indianapolis Journal: If the "Prince"

Colonna is as mean, worthless and altogether undesirable as the "princess" and her brother use several columns of newspaper space almost daily describing him to be, it might be in much better taste to drop the title he is said to have so utterly dis-

Odd Facts About Divorces in France. The official report of the French ministry of justice for 1890 has only just been issued, and it contains particulars as to the operation of the divorce act which came into force in 1884. From that date till December 31, 1890, 38,377 petitions have been lodged, and of these 33,870 had been success while 2,427 had been rejected and 2,080 had resulted in a compromise. Concur-rently with the increase in the number of petitions for divorce the suits for separation decreased, having fallen from 2,470 in 1884 to 2,041 in 1890. The number of di-vorces and separations to every 1,000 mar-riages was respectively 24 and 5 in 1890, while in 63 cases out of 100 the petition was lodged by the wife and in 87 cases out 100 for a separation. More than half the petitions for divorce were lodged by the working classes, while trades people were 20 par cent, the liberal professions 12 per cent, farmers and peasants 2 per cent and domestic servants 7 per cent. In 38 of every 100 cases the politioning party had been married from 5 to 10 years, in 28 from 10 to 20 years, in 22 from 1 to 5 years, in 7 from 20 to 30 years, in 3 less than and in 2 more than 30 years. It every 100 cases the petition was based on the ground of cruelty or desertion, in 21 upon the ground of adultery and in 3 upon the plea that the respondent had been con-demned to penal servitude.

Brain Workers and Clubmen. Brain workers and clubmen agree that the Old Dominion cigarettes are the greatest care chasers known. Photograph in each A NEBRASKAN IN FLORIDA

Basking in the Sunshipe that Envelopes, that Permeates, that Inspires.

VEGETATION AND FLORA IN PROFUSION

Traces of Architecture of the Remote Past -Sharp Contrasts Between the Old and the New-Evidence of Returning Prosperity.

JACKSONVILLE, Fla., March 14 .- (Correspondence of The Bee.)-While friends in the north and west were enduring the discomforts of the late "zero weather" the people of Florida were noting no suggestion of frost. This state was the storm center, giving us freedom from high winds, but sending to every portion of its area a series of heavy, straight-down-pouring rains. The "oldest inhabitant" failed to remember such another rainy season in the winter.

When the rain ceases the sandy, porous soil has at once a dry surface, as has the beach where a moment before the waves lapped. Previous discomforts are forgotten as we bask in the sun-shine that envelopes, that perme-ates, that inspires one. This sunshine is like nothing we have known by that name. Its life giving properties are discerned on trial. It discounts pills and potions. It reanimates the body, rebuilds wasted tissue and behold, the "fountain of youth" is found

in the sunbeams,

HE DRANK TOO MUCH. Ponce de Leon is the patron saint of Florida. Great enterprises "conjure" in his name. All the natural springs of the state are freely given to him. Each locality possessed of these blessings proclaims them the very ones from which he drank. Very very ones from which he drank. Very likely each is correct, for when an elderly man resolves as did he to wed extreme youth and beauty he leaves no device un-tried in accomplishing his purpose. He, no doubt, drank too much, for the record states that instead of gaining health he perished before he could leave these western shores.

All who have come after him have like him sought "springs." Florida looks upon the map, and indeed is, in very truth, a gigantic sponge filled with water. It is, however, brackish, unfit in most places to drink. A great drawback, this, to emigration ever since those early days of disheartening fallure. A greater than Ponce de Leon, the typical nineteenth century knight, with more generous purpose and surer intuition, has solved the problem. Strong jets flow every-where from artesian wells of from 350 to 400 feet in depth. All of which I have tasted are strongly impregnated with sulphur, with an odor hinting of infernal regions, and in flavor suggestive of deteriorated eggs, yet sparkling to the eye. They flow from the earth at a temperature of 92 degrees and are in league with the sunbeams to exorcise the

Florida is not densely populated, but has large tracts of unreclaimed territory not far from her most pretentious towns. The old Spanish grants, together with the famous Liston purchase held even now largely by speculators, have militated against her develop-She was once, however, on the ev of a "boom," when the great freeze of 1885-86 destroyed the work of years in her orange groves. The Tampa yellow fever scare of 1887, closely followed by the scourge of 1888, brought things to a financial standstill. From these calamises she is recovering slowly but surely.

IN RIOTOUS PROFUSION. A dense growth of semi-tropical vegetation covers every uncultivated foot of soil. Rank vines, mosses and brilliant bloom clothe all nature in rictous profusion. To make this fertile soil "blossom as the rose," in good old scripture phrase, has been the task of the last few decades. Horticultur-ists have grafted upon the native sour orange tree the finer varieties, and the re-sulting product competes favorably with that benefited thereby, except for very adequate equivalent.

They say with grim raillery, "You northern people came down here years ago and stole all we had except the sunshine and climate, and you would have taken those if you could have done so, but since you could not, you must pay for them." This is the attitude of all traffickers, not toward the individual, but toward the army of visitors that seek balmier skies during the winter

months. THE OLD AND THE NEW. St. Augustine is pre-eminently the city for depicting the "very old" and the "very new" in history, in architecture and in financial enterprise.

It is true that I am more in sympathy with the growth of our staunch western towns, where no old forts tell of fierce combat and threatened invasion by land or sea where agriculture antedates and makes necessary the towns, where the erection buildings is suggested by the legitimate needs of the population. The city of steady perennial growth presents to its dwellers the best possible conditions for happiness and success. Above all other places, I like best the home of my adoption, the glorious state of Nebraska; but for change and a few weeks or months of diversion St. Augustine appeals more strongly to me than any other city that I have visited. We are proud of our land as a whole, and here we study the early efforts at colonization in this "new

land beyond the seas" in the sixteenth cen-The old fort and sea wall mark the era of Spanish conquest. The old dungeons, with traces of appliances for torture, and markings of later struggles with the Seminole tribes, teach us salutary lessons of our great cause for gratitude toward those pioneers whose heroism made possible our present peaceful conditions. The old French and Spanish buildings, with low ceilings and narrow windows, contrast strangely with the gorgeous hotels and private dwellings of the

millionaires of our land. Could anything furnish a greater com-mentary on the changing tastes and de-cisions of the human race than the old lanes that were called streets, narrowing in places to a dozen feet, and the generou boulevards of the newer portions? From sanitary standpoint, "destruction" lurks broad. From a utilitarian standpoint, too, oftener in the "narrow way" than in the the nineteenth century logic is the better. Each detail merits a chapter or volum in itself. I would like to tell you of fruits

and flowers later on. Some Bygone Fashions in Jewelry. A recent peep into a jewel box of twenty five years ago, says the Jewelers' Circular, brought to light a most curious design in earrings-namely, a horn of plenty made of filigree gold, long enough to almost reach the shoulder, and thickly encrusted at the opening of the horn with precious stones of almost every variety. Although at first glance one trembled for the wearer's com-fort with the somewhat overpowering looking ornament dangling from her ear, upon taking it in the hand it proved to be very little heavier than the solid gold ball earrings that afterward became so popular. Mosales were also worn about this time, and some were marvels of artistic workman

The big, gold-linked chain, from which hung an enormous gold locket, was the

only necklace worn, while the narrow "glove band" bracelet of gold fitting tight to the wrist was considered indispensable to the toilet. Ladies in those days thought sap-phire or emerald rings set with diamonds and worn on the first finger to be "quite the thing." Pearls were the favorite stones, become so, perhaps, by the famous neck-lace owned by the Countess Dudley. This necklace was composed of a rope of pearls which went six times around the neck, each pearl being so absolutely perfect that six or eight would have realized a small for-

IN LOCAL MUSICAL CIRCLES.

The musical department of the Woman's club, presided over by Mrs. J. R. Buchanan, will give its regular recital Wednesday at

First Concerto. Mrs. Hitchcock.

Mr. Taber will give his twenty-first organ recital at 3:30 this afternoon in the First Congregational church. The following program will be rendered

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The following will be the musical program at the First Congregational church; MORNING. demons-rheumatism, pneumonia, bronchitis, catarrh and kindred enemies of the human

Organ Postlude EVENING.

Organ Postlude-March in B flat. . The Westminster Choral union, having now a membership of thirty voices, is pre-paring some very choice selections of Easter

but soon grew to like it, and after a time it of any clime. Roses, violets, jessamine and many other choice flowers bloom all winter in the open air, behind the fences, but do not let any of the uninitiated think for a moment that the longing tourist may be was called to attend her it was a long time before he could make up his mind what was any sort. Four eminent physicians, who were called in consultation, failed to diagthing and another to another. Finally the attendant physician, through the lady's servant, found out the real root of the trouble but too late to do his patient any good. said this was the only case in his experi ence of a person's forming the vinegar habit, but he was persuaded that the ill health of many ladies was due to their using too much vinegar with the idea that it would improve their looks.

A Woman's Enterprise.

style of adding to one's income prevails in such an unusual enterprise, they would be the first to turn and rend her for going into

A Heavy Responsibility.

"Have you got any family?" asked Mac-Anderson, a San Antonio lawyer, of a colored man whom he was appointed by the court to defend, the latter being charged

"I'se got no family yit. I looks to you for dat."
"Look to me to supply you with a family?" exclaimed the astonished advocate.
"I looks to you an' de jury, boss, I does

"What kind of stuff is that you are talk-"Hit's just what I says. Miss Matildy Snowball says of I only gets one yeah in o penopotentiary she'll wait for me, but ef I gets moah, den she is gwine ter marry de sees, boss, what a 'sponsibility dar am restin' on yer."

Jedge Waxem's Proverbs, Detroit Free Press: It looks evvery now an then es ef congres dident kno what it wus thar fer.

You cant plow a feald with politicks. What this country needs iz a tarif that noboddy cant find falt with. The supply ov congressmen allus eckseeds the demand.

Unkel Sam's word aint ez good ez his Electin a man to congress dont make him statesman evvery time Youve got to hav mity sharp ears-to hear a yuniversle cry fer speaches from our nashunal legislators. Judasicariotism aint bin weeded out ov

politicks yit. Offis holdin iz a mity slipry holt fur a drownin man to grab onto

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will give its regular recital Wednesday at
2:30, the program of which is as follows:
Paper-Epoch of the Netherlanders,
100-1000 Mrs. Charles Hull
Illustrations—
(a) Massa
(b) Impropiria Palestrima
Mrs. Cudahy, Mrs. Rogers, Messrs.
Kinzle and Burkley.
Paper-Martin Luther, The Reformation Music, 1482-1543. Miss Julia Knight
Illustrations—Ein Fest Burgh, 1529
Wheeler and Abbott.
Cradle hymns, 1535 Kittle Hobbie
Concerto, D minor. Mendelssohn
Miss Edith James, accompanied by
Miss Clara Hawley.
Vocal duet (selected)
Mrs. Cudahy and Captain Kinzle.

After several weeks of unremitting re hearsal Mr. Albert's Philharmonic orchestra has the music of the next concert, which takes place at Boyd's theater April 9, well In hand and the conductor announces the following program for that occasion:

Fantasie O, Sanctissima (by request). Lux Andante, from Leonore Symphony. Raff Homage A. Haydn. Calkin Triumphal March, from Nauman....Costa

Organ Prelude-Prayer, from Lohen-

music. Mr. W. R. Williams is doing some effective work for the union, having secured a new piano at its disposal to study. Miss A. Thacher is the pianist, and Mrs. Francis Ford the organist.

Polsoned by Vinegar.

A Rochester, N. Y., physician tells about a patient that he had, not long since, who poisoned herself by drinking vinegar. She began to use it to improve her complexion, the matter with her. Her complexion was of a deadly white, she had no appetite and could hardly be persuaded to touch food of any sort. Four eminent physicians, who nose the real cause of the trouble, but at-tributed the lady's condition, one to one

According to some statistics quietly circu lated in Washington, a distinctly English unlooked-for quarters. It is well known that in London the hansom cabs are owned and run at a profit-by a man of distinguished title. To a Washington society woman has occurred the idea of emulating such an illus-trious example by operating a similar industry. She buys up from time to time car riages in varying stages of repair or dilapi dation and runs them as "night-liners." This fact she has, of course, endeavored to keep from her friends, as she wisely grasps the fact that while they one and all would be nothing loath to benefit themselves by the business that now nets her a comfort-



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The display also included outdoor and indoor views said potrealts from many of the leading artists in the country, among them work from Baker of Columbus. O.: Dana of New York: Pace of Chicago: Coorer of Chicago: Strausa of St. Louis: Rosch of St. Louis: Sein of Chicago.

One of the finest displays in the hall was made by the Boyn gallery of this city. Scattered around the hall on all sides was the work of the recombred leaders of the profession all over the land, and the work of the local gallery did not suffer at all by comparison. Not only in perfection of finish, the lifelike naturalness of the pictures but in artistic posing, their work was fully up to the standard of the best exhibited.

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